

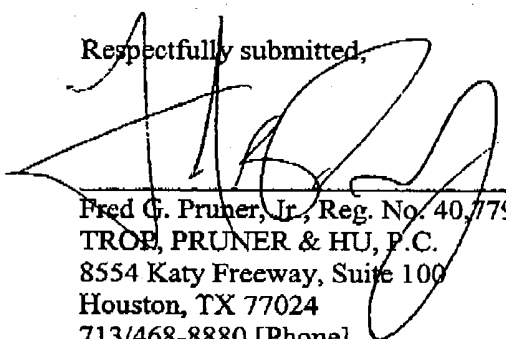
REMARKS

In a telephone conversation between the undersigned and Examiner Lefkowitz on January 15, 2004, the Examiner stated that independent claim 1 would be allowable if the limitations of dependent claim 10 were incorporated into independent claim 1. Furthermore, Examiner Lefkowitz stated that if the limitations of claim 17 were incorporated into claim 11, (without requiring the incorporation of the limitations from dependent claim 16), independent claim 11 would be allowable.

Other than claims 1, 10, 11, 17, 18 and 22, no other claims were discussed with Examiner Lefkowitz. Examiner Lefkowitz also stated that if Applicants desire to maintain the appeal, the claims would be rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,394,519 (Bodin) as the primary reference. No other claims or prior art were discussed between the undersigned and Examiner Lefkowitz.

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